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1 The Secours Populaire Algérien, a Communist Front Organization, was founded in 1945. Under the initial leadership of Mme. Lisette VINCENT, active member of the Algerian Communist Party (ACP), the organization tried to influence and attract the Moslem element by the formation of a committee to agitate for the release of Moslem political prisoners. However, the release by the French authorities of MESSALI and of Ferhat ABBAS, which had not been foreseen or demanded by the ACP, did much to nullify the efforts of the Secours vis-a-vis the native population, which turned to the indigenous groups organized by these two Nationalist leaders.

2 Since 1947 the organization has been under the leadership of Georges RAFINI, aided by Gaston BERINGUER, Omar HERAOUA (all members of the ACP) and of Maurice FOUGERAS. The Conseil d'Honneur is made up of the following:

General Paul TUBERT
Cherif DJEMAD
Rachid DALIBEY
Roger ROUZEAU
Henri DUBOUCHER

Jean GAROBY
MEDINGER (fnu)
Dahmane GUESSOUM
Ferhat ABBAS
Cheikh BRAHIMI
Cheikh EL OKBI

3 Source believes that, at the present time, the new members of the Secours Populaire all come from the extreme left. Its activity now is alleged to be slight and consists mainly in supporting and participating in the various manifestations of the ACP, such as the Congrès Mondial de la Paix, held in Paris in April.

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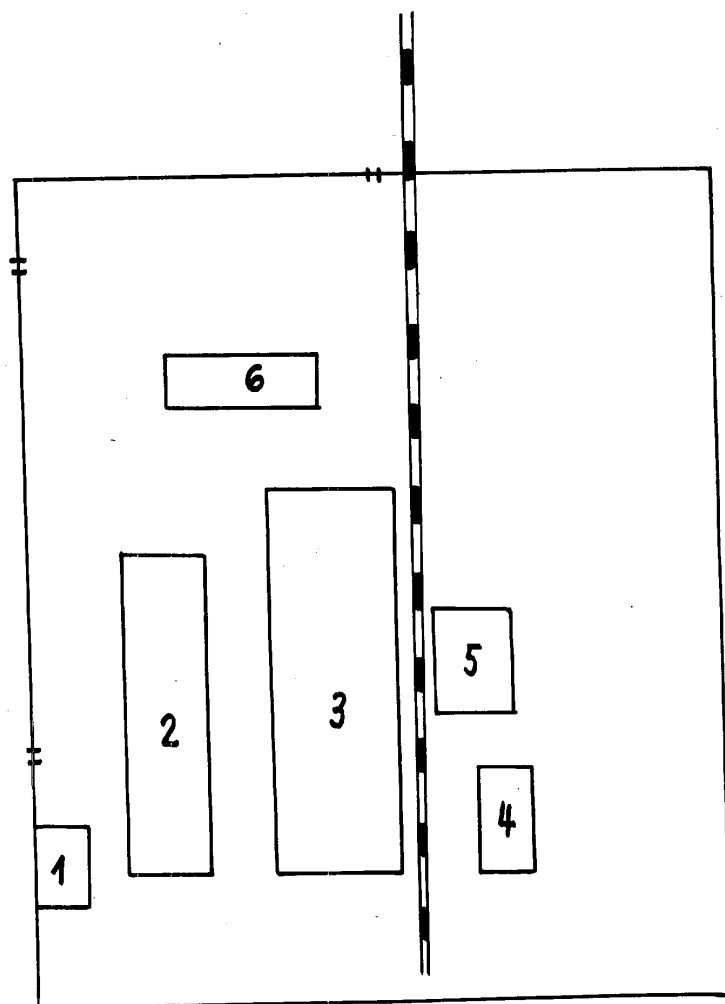
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